

HOUSE No. 690

By Mr. Knuuttila of Gardner, petition of Brian Knuuttila and others relative to the protection of elderly and disabled persons from persons accepting gifts, gratuities or loans. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Brian Knuuttila James R. Miceli
Robert A. Antonioni

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 19A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 20 the following section:—
3 Section 20A. No person who provides service to an elderly or
4 disabled person, either for compensation or as a volunteer, shall
5 accept any gifts, gratuities or loans from such person in an amount
6 exceeding \$500 in any calendar year. This section shall not apply
7 to extended family members. A violation of this section shall be
8 punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for a
9 term of not more than 1 year or by a fine of not more than \$1,000,
10 or both.